

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An information processing apparatus comprises a display device and a touch panel disposed in front of the display device. The apparatus further comprises: a unit for switching between a touch panel mode of operation and a pointing device mode of operation in accordance with a predetermined condition; a unit for performing processing in response to a touch position pointed to by a user on the touch panel in the touch panel mode of operation; a unit for displaying a symbol indicative of a pointing position on the display device in the pointing device mode of operation, and for moving the symbol at a predetermined reduction scale factor on the display device in accordance with the distance, direction and velocity of the relative movement of the touch position pointed to by the user on the touch panel; and a unit for displaying an image in the neighborhood of the symbol in a magnified form in a predetermined region on the touch panel in the pointing device mode of operation.